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In re Application of: IQBAL et al. Group Art Unit 1745 Serial No. 09/415,781 Examiner: Dove, T. Filed: October 8, 1999 For: **Corrosion Resistant Coated Fuel Cell** Plate With Graphite Protective Barrier and Method of Making the Same

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs: 🌞

10 2002 C 1706 Cant he Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(a) and MPEP §711.03(c)(i), the Applicant herein petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment entered on July 24, 2002. In support thereof, Applicant shows the Commissioner the following:

- (1) An Office Action was mailed on May 4, 2001.
- According to the file wrapper maintained by the PTO, no response was received **(2)** and a Notice of Abandonment was issued on July 24, 2002.
- (3) The Applicant shows the Commissioner, however, that a response to the Office Action was mailed on September 17, 2001, including a petition for an extension of time for two months. A copy of the Office Action response is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents/Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

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Date: August 21, 2002

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(4) Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the return postcard showing that the Office received the response on September 21, 2001.

The Applicant therefore requests that the Commissioner enter the Office Action attached hereto and withdraw the holding of abandonment. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 404.853.8028.

Respectfully submitted,

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